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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1960

Dear Mr. Dulles:

The Secretary of State has requested that I reply to your memorandum of April 18, 1960, regarding the provision for access by qualified researchers to microfilms of the captured records of the German Foreign Ministry. You state that, after considering this matter, you have concluded that the document controls of the National Archives would be adequate for the protection of the counterintelligence data contained in the documents. You reserve the right, however, "to consult directly with the National Archives, should it become necessary in the future in order to afford greater protection to frames containing material of current operational significance."

I should like to express to you my appreciation for the decision you have reached. I believe it is a good decision, and I feel confident that the consequences will be satisfactory to our respective Agencies as well as to the researchers who will be using the records of the German Foreign Ministry in the National Archives.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew Berding
Andrew H. Berding

The Honorable
Allen W. Dulles,
Director of Central Intelligence.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles:

For your information, I am attaching a copy of your 18 April memorandum to the Secretary of State and the CI Staff memorandum on this subject.

A copy of this letter has already gone to the DD/P for information.

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